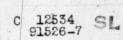


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GREAT AND FAMOVS BATTEL

OF LYTZEN,

Fought betweene the renowned King of Sweden, and Walstein;

Wherein were left dead vpon the place between 5 and 6000. of the Swedish party, and between 10 and 12000. of the Imperialists, where the King himselfe was vnfortunatly slain, whose death counterpoyz'd all the other. Pappenbeim, Merode, Isolani, and divers other great Commanders were offred up like so many Sacrifices on the Swedish Altar, to the memory of their King.

Here is also Inserted an Abridgment of the Kings life, and a Relation of the King of Bobemia's Death.

Faithfully translated out of the French Coppie.



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To the Reader.

TEE fee that in the greater Maps thing? are expressed more plainly then they can be in the smaller, though they be drawen all by one skill: So Vertue in Princes is more perspicuous; then in Plebeians; in the former thee is drawen at length with all her dimenfions; in the latter thee is limn'd in little, being invisible, vnlesse you approach very neere her. And, indeed, this is consonant to Natures owne Wifedome, who fuffers the vitali spirits in the body to go to the least member, yea to the very fingers end; yet doth shee most plentifully bestow them where thee hath the greatest imployment for them: fo on the vulgar fhee conferres gifts furable to fo lowe a Calling: But in Princes and Monarchs, thee centuples and irradiates her ornaments, because by them the speakes, and gines Lawes to Humanitie. Yet is not this Rule fo generall, that it often fuffers not an exception: for as Nature diftinguisheth betweene the Subject and the Prince by Soveraigntie, fo doth thee betweene Prince and Prince by Vertue, and Abilitie. That this is true, this our deare Tragicall subject will ferue for a lively and cleare demonstration, whom neither this Age, nor any of the former could paralell in the management both of the Scepter, and the Sword. In his whole Reigne, his Prudencie at home hath not deferued more admiration then his Proweffe abroad: For indeede, from his Youth vpwards, Mars hath beene the Spheare wherein he hath mooved, into which violated luftice first hall'd him, and out of which nothing but shee appealed, or Death could remooue him. Hee was a Generall ere a Man, and with a yet

vnreaped Chin mowed downe his Enemies before hin. With many Kingdomes at once hee waged warre, from all which hee forced conditions advantagious to him and his. This was not without the amazement of all men, to fee a Poynt oppofe an corquer to vafte a circumference. In his warres I will onely observe three things, His Way to Victory, his behaviour in it, his Carriage after it. For the fift, hee did animate his Souldiers rather by Figiting, then Exhorting; nor did bee challenge to him'elfe any advantage about the meant ft of them. but Honour and Commaund. Hee knew that it is in Empire, as in the Bodie, where the most dangerous diferes flowe from the Head: Wherefore hee work'd on their manners by his owne, the onely firme Ciment of a Generall and his Armie. Hee well understood that Faith and Lovaltie are not to bee expected where wee impole thraldome and fervitude, and therefore at times he would bee familiar as wel with the Common Souldier as the Commaunder. His Invention, and execution of all Military ftrat gems were ever twinnes : for in all his Conquests hee owed as much to his Celeritie, as Valour. When his foes were in their Tents lecurely discoursing of him, as a farre off, hee like the Wolfe, broke into their fable, to their irrecoverable astonishment. They could not withstand the force of his Fame, much leffe that of his Armes. One feather more I must adde, without which his Victories had not been fully plumed nor could have foared to high, and that was this: Hee never per-Swaded any man to an Enterprise, in which hee would not himielfe make one. Hee taught them as well by Hand, as Tongue. I may adde, that neither Antiquitie can, nor Posteritie ever shall produce a Prince so patient of all Military wants, as of meate, drinke. drinks, warmth, sleepe, &c. all which are necessary
to the maintenance of life. In divers sufferings of
his hee recalls to my mind the most accomplishe of
the Romans, Case, who leading his Troups through
the contagious and poylonous Deferts, was ever
the last of his Army that dranke, saue once, when he
began to them all in water taken from a spring su-

spected to be envenomed.

Thus much of his way to Victorie, now let vs come to his Deportment in it. After all his Conquels, fuch a calme immediately ented, that the paffed forme was foone forgotten, and the Enemie appeared rather like one fuddenly wakened, then frighted. There was not any of his Victories that walked not her hands of all cold and innocent blood. He was fo fevere a Iusticer, that he ofen reveged the violating of his mercifull Decrees even your the place, & sometime on men of qualitie, whom he affected. The Lawes of Retaliation hee knew fo well. that hee gaue to all men punchall fatisfaction for all offences received from his partie according to the nature of the wrong done. For this caule his Tribunall (like the Roman) stood euer open. All his great Atchieuements were ever attended by Devotion within, and Circumspection without. He first praifed God, and then provided for man, at once having an eve on his enemies next designes, & his fouldiers present necessities. The greatest of his glories purshaled with blood & fweat, could neither change the estate of his mind, or copie of his countenance. The true greatnesse of his fpi, it was such that in all his actions he placed Oftentation behind & Conscience before him, & fought not the reward of a good deed from Fame, but from the deed it felfe. I conclude this poynt with this affertion, That Honestie had as Arich, and great a command over him, as Necessitio

over mankind. He was a Prince of fo great & cleare a fame that Envie her felfe bhalhed to oppose it, and therefore was forced to assume the maske of Religion, under which the might fecurely difplay her inve-Ciues. Religion, Religion, it is thou that should to nite, but doft eftrange hearts, and makeft us feeke to take away even those lives that gave us ours. Let a man haue in eminency all the Cardinall and Theologicall vertues, he of a contrary fect looks on all thefe through a mift raifed by his malice, which makes him either not fee them at all, or not as they are. O lefus, lefus, in thy best bleffed time gather thy straied flock into one fold, & let Truth and Peace kille each other. This testimony the perfections of this Prince drew from me, who was abstemious & continent in every thing, faue in the fearch of Glory and Vortue.

It now remaines that I fay fomething of the enfifing Treatife, in which is contained the last and greatest Battell of this King, his depioted Death, and other weightie Circumstances. The Originall is French, written by one of the ablest Pennes of that Nation. Hee begins at the Kings comming downe into Germany, and extends his Story to his death. Of all the Moderne Histories, I dare make it the Cherw , for it is written in a ftile fo Attick, and fo judiciall, that it may well be called, The French Tacitus. What hath been before deliver din other Discourles concerning this Subject, is to this nought elle but a Faile. The full and perfect Translation of this rare piece, I heere promife the Courteons Reader; and in the meane time, intreat him to weare as a fawour, this Branch, by which hee may judge the whole body.

The great and famous Battell of Lutzen, fought betweene the renowned King of Smeden, and Walstein, wherein were left dead upon the place between 5, and 6000 of the Smedish party, and betweene 10, and 12000, of the Imperialists, where the King himselse was unfortunately slaine, whose death counterpoyz dall the other. Pappenheim, Merode, Islomain, and divers other great Commanders were offered up like so many sacrifices on the Smedish Altar, to the memory of their King.

Here is also Inserted an Abridgment of the Kings life, and a Relation of the King of Bohemia's Death.

HE King having mustred his Troups, and those of Duke Bernard of Saxon-Weymar about Ersfurt, the Armie received command to advance towards Naumburg.

The King came thither in person on Saint Martins day, and cutt in pieces two Regiments of Merode, that oppos'd him by the way. Hee was no sooner arrived at Naumbourg, but hee received Intelligence that the

Enemies forces lay encamped at Leipzig, and Noerfpurg, and stretched thence in length as farre as Weissenfels, and that they were entrenched in a place advantageous. Which proceeding of theirs obliged the King to doe the like at Naumbourg, and to feeke the meanes to joyne his Armie with the Electorall, which then lay about Torgau, confifting of fifteene thousand men, and reenforced with two thousand Horse, belonging to the Duke of Lunebourg. Hee fent divers Postes to informe them of his comming, and of the courses were to bee taken for their vniting. Walstein, and Pappenheim being lodg'd between them, had an eye on them both, and made it their onely studie to hinder their coniunation. On the fourteenth of November, the Scours of the King brought him word, the Enemie had fack'd, and abandon'd the Citie. and Caffe of Weissenfells, layd plaine his Trenches, and retyred himselfe towards Lutzen, two German miles from Leipzig. The King hearing this newes, refolved no longer to delay the Fight, his courage not permitting him to temporize any further, nor to atrend the returne of his Posts sent to the Electour.

That which confirm'd him in this his Refolution, was the affurance of certaine prifoners brought him by Relinguen, that Pappenbeim was gone to Hall with fixe Regiments. Wherefore his Armie had order to march toward the enemie, the fiftgenth, three houres before day, and to dare him to a Battaile. The diligence of the Van was fuch, that it reached the enemie by the second houre after Noone, and began the Assault. The Imperialifts failed not to make head, and a ftrong refistance. Many charges were given with advantage, and loffe equall, the victorie enclining now to this fide, then to that, till at length the Swedes gave fire to their small Field-pieces, which pierc'd, and broke fundry Imperiall Companies, and forc'd them to a Retreat. The Swedes became Masters of the Field, and brought to the King a Standard taken from the Enemie, with this Deuise, La Fortune, & l'Aigle Romain, Fortune, and the Roman Eagle. Hence some drewe this Prognosticke, that the enemie should ere long part with the one and the other. A thicke mifte, and the night comming upon them, the Swedes were hindered in the pursuit of the enemy, and the victory.

The King remained in the Field, and stood in order of Battaile all night, having no other shelter then his Caroach, resolved to follow close his Designe, and engage the enemie to a generall Combate. Hee communicated his Intention to the Dukes of Saxon-

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Weymar, and other remarkeable Commanders, who passed away that night neere his Caroach, having nothing over their heads, but the Heavenly Arch, nor any thing under them. but truffes of strawe layd upon the earth. Their field furniture they left behind, believing they should returne to lodge in Naumbourg. But the patience of their Generall made them with eafe passe over these inconveniences. Some of the principall Officers endeavour'd to diswade the King from giving Battaile, alleadging that the Forces of the Enemie were great, his Seates advantagious. their owne Armie feeble, and wearied with continual Marches; and that it was farre fafer to wayt for the arrivall of the Saxon, and make so strong an vnion, as may promise successe in the equalitie of their Armies. Their reasons were not received, but crossed by the King, with many more folid, derived from the Experience of the times past, and the present aftonishment of the enemie, from the courage of his Souldiers, and his advantages obteined, from the Iustice of his Armes, from the Benediction from about, from the absence of Pappenbein, and the discommodities he should bee subject to in that season now waxing bitter, in case hee should suffer the enemie to persea his Trenches, which hee had alreadic begun in many places. To which hee added his

his Reputation, and how important it was to hasten the Combate, saying alowd, That hee could not suffer Walstein to beard him, without colling him to an account, and letting him see by proofe he was not to be faulted, that ere this hee had not seene him with his sword in his hand: that hee desired to make tryall of his ability in the Field,

and ferret him out of his burrowes.

The Commanders perceiving by the language, and tone of the King, that his decree to fight was inevitable, and their opposition. fruitlesse, conformed their wills by an humble obedience to his, not without reiterated protestations to subscribe themselves his, in their owne bloud, and feale it with the loffe of their lives: Wherear the King rejoyced extreamely, nor could he containe his joy from appea. ring in his face, but by his cheerefull lookes expressed his inward content, and forth-with called for a new fute of Chammois, which hee presently put on. Then they presented to him his Armes, and the Duke Bernard of Saxon Weymar, and fundry other Princes, and Officers conjur'd him by all things deare and holy to weare his Helmet and Cairaffe : but they could not winne him to it, hee objecting the incumbrance, and laying his hand on the Musket bullet still remaining in his shoulder, which to him made the least weight unfupportable.

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The Kings defigne was to beginne the

combate by the peepe of day; but fo thicke and darke a mist arose, that it confin'd the eye to a small distance, and rendred any enterprise not onely difficult, but dangerous: Wherefore the King was constrained to expect till the Sunne had chased it away, which till then had deprived him of all fight of the Enemy. The interim (according to his custome) hee imployed in his devotions, and in making the Round of his Army, to marke the disposition and countenance of his souldiers, and encourage them to fight manfully. Comming to the Quarter of the Swedes and Finlanders, he put them in Battaile Ray, and with a voice and countenance alike chee efull he thus bespake them: My friends, and Camerades, this is the day that invites you to demonstrate what you are : shew your selves men of valour, keepe your rankes, and fight conragiaulty for your selves and your King : If this day the bravery of your firits hine forth, you shall find the heavenly Benediction perched on the poynts of your fwords, Honour, and a recompence of your valour : On the contrary, if you turne backe, and basely and foolishly commit the armed band to the protection of the unarmed foot, you shall find Infamy, my disgrace, and your owne ruine, and I protest to you on the word of a King, that not the least piece of you, or of your bones, shall returne againe into Swedeland.

English Chamber-fellowes .

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This Exhortation, delivered in a high and piercing tone, wonne from the Swedes and Finlanders onely these generall acclamations: That they would approve themselves men of Honor; that they had lives only for him, which they were ambitious topreserve in the obtaining of victory, and

his good graces.

The Swedes being placed in Rank and File, the King embattailes the Alman Regiments, and thus in few wordes exhorts them: My friends, Officers, and Souldiers, I conjure you, by your love to heaven and me, this day to manifest whose you are; You shall fight not only under me, but with me, my bloud and life shall marke you out the way to Honour; Breake not your rankes, but second me with courage: If you performe this, Victory is ours with all her glories, you, and your posterity shall enjoy it; if you give backe, your lives and liberties have one period.

This Speech was answered with an universall shout, and vowes reciprocall; That they would make it appears they knew the way to Vistory, or to death; that the King should receive all satisfaction in their service, and the Enemy should acknowledge her had to doe with men of Honour.

Walstein, and his principall Officers difcovered quickely by his Scouts the resolution of the King, and the countenance of his, and thereupon grounded this resolution, that they

they mast needs come to blowes. Walkein was infinitely defirous to avoyd the Combate; but hee was wifely admonished by some about, him, that every step his men made in a retreat would take from their courage, and give it to the Enemy, and bring upon his Armya Panicke feare, and an utter confusion. Hee spent that whole night in digging and intrenching, in embattailing his Army, and planting his Artillery in diverse places advantagious, the better to sustaine the shocke of the Enemy. Pappenheim was sent for backe in post hast, who was gone to Hall, being very defirous to invest it, not believing that the King would give or accept of battaile, before the Forces of Saxon were arrived. In the meane time the utmost endeavours of Walfein were not wanting to hearten his men, and layd before them Honour, Reward, their advantages, their Forces, the justice of their cause, which God, the Catholike Church, the Emperour, and the whole Empire justifyed against the violence and usurpation of a stranger, and all this and more he uttered in his Litter, which his Gowt would not permit him to forfake.

This was subject to diverse interpretations; Some believing that indeed he felt some symptomes of that sickenesse very familiar to him; others maintayned, this posture to have

have no good grace on a day of Battaile, and judg'd that Walften was very willing to preferve himselfe safe and sound, that hee might hereafter serve his Master, and his party: others averred, he was much indebted to his Gowt, which did warrant his retreat without his reproach, necessity commanding the stourest courage to yield to such an Enemy.

On the other side, the King being ready at all poynts, and his Army embattail'd, hee would take no refection, because he would be an example to his men, and lose no time. Being placed in the head of Steinbocks Regiment, hee thus spake with a voyce audible: Now, now is the time Camerades, wee must goe on undarnted; let us charge, let us charge in the name of God: Issue, Issue, Issue alde me in sighting this

day, and favour my right.

These words were no sooner pronounced, but he gave spurres to his horse, and with his head inclined, gave a charge to a Battalion of source and twentie Companies of Cuirassiers, which were esteemed the flower of the Imperiall Army. Two Swedish Regiments had order to seeond him. The Artillery of the King was advanced, and five Cannon shot discharged upon the Enemy, who answered them with two hundred, which went off with a horrid noyse, and lightning, but with small losse to the Swedes, the Cannoniers of Walstein not having

having well taken their aime. But the first shocke was fatall to the King, and all the Army: For though the Squadrons led by fo brave a Chiefe, with an unheard of refolution, gave on like Thunder on the Enemy, and made him recoyle; yet one shot from a Pistoll gave him new courage, which pierced the Kings arme, and broke the bone. thosenext the King law him bleed, they were amaz'd, and cryed our, The King is wounded. Which wordes the King heard with much diftaft and repining, fearing it would abate the valour of his men: wherefore diffembling his griefe with a joyfull and undaunted looke. hee fought to quallify the feare of his Souldiers with these masculine words: The burs is flight Camerades, take courage, let us make use of our oddes, and resurne to the Charge. Commanders that were about him, with hands lifted up, earnestly belought him to retire: but the apprehension of frighting his men, and his ambition to overcome prevailed.

The Affault being rebegunne with vigour, and fervour, and the King fighting againe in the head of his Troopes, once more to breake those Rankes that were againe made up, the loss of bloud, and the griefe which hee selt in the agitation of his body, enseebled much his spirits and voyce, which caused him to whilper these wordes in the eare of the Duke

of Saxon of Lavenburg; Convey me hence, for I am dangeroufly wounded. Hee had scarcely ended his speech, and turned head to retire, when a Cuiraffier marking this retreat, advanced upon the gallop from the Battalion of the Enemy, and discharged his Carabin full in the shoulder of the King, with this insulting speech: And art thou there then ? long it is that I have fought thee. Some imagined that it was Pappenheim that gave the blow, by reason hee had often vaunted, that an auncient prediction was found amongst the Records of his Family, That a Stranger King should dye by the hand of a Pappenheim , wish diverfe fcarres in his bo. dy, and mounted on a white Horfe. And for this cause (having many scarres in his face, and diverse other parts of his body stitcht up) hee reflected on himselfe, and beleeved the Prophecy should bee accomplished by his hand. But this needes no other confutation then the absence of Pappenbeim, and the time when the King received his hurt, which was in the very beginning of the Affault, before Pappenheim could make one of the adverse party. I may add, that the diferetion of this worthy Count would not have fufferd him to runne into an errour fo uncivill, as to speake so undecently to a Prince of that eminency.

When the King had received this mortall wound, which pierced him through and C 2 through

through, he fell from his Horse, and gave up the Ghost, with nothing but (my God) in his mouth. He that made this accurred fhot was beaten downe with a storme of Harquebusados, and sacrifised to the indignation of the Swedes. But while the Groome of the Kings Chamber, and diverse others lighted to raife the body, the charge beganne againe more furiously then ever; the Enemy having taken notice of this blow, and concluding that all was now finisht, and that hee should have Swedes good cheape. This hindered the Kings fervants from bearing of his body, and fummond every man to regaine the ftirrupe; and withstand the foe: so that the King could not bee defended from receiving another pistall flot in the head, and being twice runne through with a fword: The Imperiallifts fea. ring him even after death, and cowardly fulpecting his speedy resurrection. The poore Groome of his Chamber never forfooke him. but breath'd his last upon his Masters carcasse. after the receipt of an infinity of wounds.

But neither the Kings death, nor the great oddes that the enemie had; being strongly entrenched in divers places, could let the Swedes (madded with their inestimable losse) from assaulting the Imperiallists with an unspeakable furie, insomuch that they compelled the Battalion of Cuirassiers (which made

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the left Wing) to retire into their Trenches, whom they dislodged about noone, and gayned seven of their Cannon, together with ma-

ny Colours and Corners.

Lieutenant Coronell Relinguen received commaund to advaunce, and with three hundred Horse, to charge source Regimen's of Crabbats commaunded by Isolani, which made the right wing of the Enemy, which hee performed with fo much braverie and courage, that hee twice peare'd through them, and brought backe three Standards, leaving behinde one of his owne. All his Officers were wounded, and hee himselfe in the fecond onfet had his arme shot through with a Pistoll bullet, which forced him to retyre. Isolani Generall of the Crabbats lost his life, with a great number of his men. Eighteene of his Companies charged fome Germane Regiments that guarded the Baggage, but they were floutly opposed, the Combate fierce, the Affaults reiterated, the earth-dyed crimfon, and burdened with carkaffes, the Crabbats driven backe, though not without some disorder of the Germane Horse, recoyled amongst the Carts: but this disadvantage the Enemy could not espie, by reason of a thicke cloud which then arose, and gaue the Germanes opportunitie to ranke themfelues.

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The Imperiall Commaunders, Galas, Merode, and Holok, longing to recover their Seat, and Cannon lost, tooke felected Bands, fired the foure Corners of Lurzen, to blinde the Swedes, and keepe them from piercing that fide, to the fuccour of their friends. This Effay was followed by fuccesse, the Trench forced by the Imperiallists, the seven pieces of Cannon lost, regained, and some Swedish Re-

giments disordered.

The Duke Bernard of Saxon Weymar feeing the confusion of his men, and beeing advertiz'd by Kinphausen of the Kings death, was extreamely incenfed, and protesting hee had not so base a wish as to survive him, hee ranne (with his head couched) on the enemy, feconded by the Regiments of the Prince of Anhalt, and Count Lowenstein. Then the fight became obstinate on both sides, the Charges redoubled, the Carkafes piled up, the Pikes broken, and the difference come to bee decided by dint of Sword. The eye of man, nor that greater of the Worldever beheld a louft more furious. The Imperialistes stroue to hold their advantage recover'd, and the Swedes to dispossesse them of it. The Duke Bernard did wonders that day. Thrice like Lightning shot hee through the Forces of the Enemie, nor could a wound received on the left Arme cause him to leave the field, before hee hee had constrained the Enemie to abandon the Cannon, and his Post.

The winning of this opened him the way to the conquest of another: For this valiant Prince prefled the Imperialist fo hard, that hee againe difrank'd them, and compelled them to quit another Post, guarded with thirteene Cannon. His dexteritie in the drilling of his men, in the opening and shutting of his rankes was fuch, that they received little or no hurt from the Enemies Canaon. The Duke undaunted, pierc'd through the clouds of Imoke, displac'd the enemie, and made himselfe Mafter likewise of this place, and of the Cannon, and drove the enemie to a confused Retrear. The flaughter was great, and the Swedes well blouded, made good use of their advantage, and the disorder of their foes, passing over their bellies, killing all that came in their way. and stopping their cares against all motives for quarter.

The Duke possessed of this place, and Master of the Field, betweene two and hree in the afternoone, thinking there was but one Post to force, seated by a Windmill, and guarded by three Imperiall Regiments, endeavoured to remooue them, sending in the meane time sundry Squadrons to chase the sugitives. But then the fight grew more cruell then ever: For Pappenheim was returned

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from Hall, and came upon the gallop with certaine fresh Regiments. His Reputation: and his encouragement gaue new spirits to the Runawayes, and call'd them to the combate. The Duke having notice of this, quits this place, new ranks and encourages his men. and gives Pappenheim a meeting in the midway. All the Charges past were nothing in respect of these latter. Pappenheim imployed his utmost cunning and diligence, and shewed himselfe in all places in the Head of his Troupes, to embolden them. On the other fide the Duke Bernard fixt a resolution either to die, or overcome; and the Swedes and Finlanders enrag'd for the death of their King, fought like Lions, and desperately ranne upon the enemy. The Artillery advanced, and began to thunder, and to enter divers Battalions, and to make legges and Armes to flie from one place to another. The smaller shot was also so violent, that the Squadrons encountred in the palpable darknesse caused by the smoake without knowledge of their parties. This furious shocke continued two houres, with equall losse to both, Victorie opening her armes to imbrace now one fide, then another. Galas, Merode, and Holok were wounded to death, and a Cannon shot cut off Pappenheim by the middle.

His death, and the loffe of divers other Com-

Commanders, stagger'd the Imperialistes, as much as that of the kings incenfed the Swedes. Then the enemy (upon the receite of a newe falute from foure and twenty Cannon, which pierc'd their thickest Troupes) began to flie. and the Swedes preffed and pursude them far within night, which favour'd the retreat of the fugitiues, and hinder'd the Swedes from ranging further in the chase. Indeede they were fo tyred, that they had neither breath, nor force further to follow them. The Imperiellifts (giving fire to their campe, and part of their baggage,) tooke some the way of Leipzig, others that of Leutmeritz, towards the Frontiers of Bohemia, whither it was thought Walitein was gone, (having heard of the losse of the Battell) to find a safe place of retreat, and to gather together his dispersed Troupes.

The Swedes remained in possession of the Enemies campe, and most of his Baggage, of one and twentie exquisite Cannon, besides inferiour ones, and a multitude of Standards and Cornets. Upon the mustering of their Armie, they found wanting, (over and about the incomparable, and irreparable losse of their King) the Major Generall Isses, and other Coronells, and Officers. A Prince of Anhalt, a Count of Nilis, the Coronels Brandestein, Wildenstein, Relinguen, and Winchell received that day

day deepe and honourable wounds. The Duke Bernhard of Weymar alfo was hurt, to whose valour and conduct the Swedian partie (after God) owes the glorie of that day, more bloudy by far, then that which was fought the yeare past in the neighbouring fields of Leip. zig. The Duke Ernest of Weymar also infinuated himselfe into the hearts of all men by his courage, and leading that day. The Regiments of these two Princes, and those of the Prince of Anhalt, of the Count of Lewestein, of Coronell Brandestein, and the two Swedish Coronells, furnamed, The Blew, and the Yellow, bore the brunt of that day. The Swedes loft betweene five and fixe thousand men, and the enemie betweene ten and twelve thousand remaining on the place, and two thirds of their Armie ruin'd, and dispersed, besides the death or mortall wounds of divers of their remarkable Com maunders, as Galas, Merode, Holok, Piccolomini' I (olani, and divers others. Pappenheim aboue all the rest was bewayled by his partie, and not without just cause; his courage, his Conduct, his Vigilancie, and Experience having conspired to ranke him in the Souldiers esteeme amongst the bravest Generalls of thefe times.

But this glorious Victory of the Swedian Armie suffered an Ecclipse by the death of that truely great King, who was the soule of his his Friends, and the terrour and scourge of his Enemies. His bodie could not bee found till the next day, when after a curious scarch it was discover'd amidst the dead heapes risled. and halfe naked, and fo disfigur'd with bloud, and durt, that hee could hardly bee knowne. This at once fo dolefull and glorious a spectacle of the end of fo great a Monarch, work'd so strongly; and effectually on the hearts of his Souldiers, that with teares and lamentations for a losse so irreparable, they made an unanimous Vow, upon the place to revenge his death, and make him reviue in the rigorous pursuite of his Designes, which hee had so often conjur'd them to continue, especially a little before this Battell, when hee feem'd to prefage his ende, touching which hee difcoursed often and seriously with many of his familiars. Amongst other passages, the King marking the multitude of people that flock'd about him at his entry into Naumbourg, three dayes before the Battell, and hearing their shouts of Ioy, and this generall acclamation, Long line the King, as if now they had nothing to feare, fince hee was present, hee made to the standers by this short but memorable speech: Our Affaires answere our desires , but I doubt God will punish mee for the folly of the people, who attribute too much to mee, and esteeme mee as it were their God, and therefore bee will make them Mortshortly see I am but a man. Hee bee my witnesse it is a shing distassfull to mee. What ever befall mee, I shall receive it as proceeding from his divine will: In this onely I rest fully satisfied, that bee will not leane this great Enterprise of mine im-

perfect.

The seventeenth of November immediately following the day of Battaile, and the Kings death Duke Bernard of Weymar retir'd to Weissenfels to take a generall review of his Army, and to give reft, and breath to his over wearyed Troopes. By the review of his Regiments, irappeared that his Army was be tweene fifteene, and fixteene thousand firong. The Duke imparted his present chate, and all other necessary particulars to the Court of Saxon, and urg'd the Electour to an uniting of their Forces, to the end they might follow close their designe, and pursue Walstein to the remotest parts of Austria. After this, all the Army, as well Swedish as Germane, agreed in the election of Duke Bernard for their Generall, and tooke a new Oath faithfully to ferve him, who had deferved so well of the Swedian parry by fo many benefits, by his vigilancy, his conduct, and the greatnesse of his fame in Warre: but above all, by his refolution, and incomparable valour, of which he made so oportune and cleare a demonstration on that bloudy day of Battaile. The Chan-

Chancellour Oxefferne (who lay then about Frankfort) was fent for in all haft tomanage the affaires of the Chancery Royall removed to Erfurt; but chiefely, to serve and counsell the defolate and disconsolate Queen, environ'd with gricles and croffes inexprimable, yet but equall to the greatnesse of her losse. The faid Chancellour, and the Chevalier Rache ferved happily to reaify fundry diforders, and to raife the spirits of such as were dejected. but principally, to stop the floud of teares Rowing from the eyes of this most vertuous Princesse, and to replant in her mind generous and masculine resolutions.

De la Gorde was sent for in post hast, who was imbarked in Swedeland with certaine Regiments of Swedes, and Finlanders, to bring a supply to the Campe Royall, and reinforce it, the dead King beeing anchor'd in this maxime, to make continual levies, (notwithflanding the number of his Armies) that fo hee might have men at will to fill up those empty Companies, which the Sword, moitallity, and many other militarie miferies

might unhappily depopulate.

But notwithstanding the death of this mighty Prince, the aftonishment and fright of the Enemy was fuch, that hee basely forfooke diverse strong and impregnable places in the Electorate of Saxony. Amongst others D 3 the.

the City of Leipzig was forsaken, and the Cattle rased to the ground, Chemnius was taken, Zwickaw invested and forced, the Duke Bernard tollowing close his good fortune, and making good use of the Enemies amazement. To this hee was animated the more, by the fixt decree of the confederate Princes, to make all fast, and more and more to knit a firme Vnion with the Swedes, that so joyntly, that so both of them joyntly might execute, and fulfill the intentions and exhortations of the deceased King.

Walftein having notice betimes of his mens infortunity, and the advantage of the Swedes, recovered Leipfig that night, and before day tooke the way of Leutmeritz, where hee recollected his disbanded men, and added to them fixe fresh Regiments that had not been engaged in the Battaile. After the often sending of his Posts to all parts, at length Aliringer had order from the Duke of Bavaria to joyne halfe his Army to that of Walstein.

Notwithstanding the so miserable defeat of the Imperialists, bonefires were made in diverse parts of Bavaria, for the death of the King, and Te Deum chanted aloude through all the streets of Ingolstatt, and Ratisbone. But these vaine fires, and triumphs seru'd for so many Trumpers, to sound forth the praise and glory of the departed King, since in the

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Enemies owne judgement his death was thought sufficient to counterpoize the diffina: tion and flaughter of fo puiffant an Army: And indeed, except this accurred blow, there was no one circumstance, that did not oblige the Imperiall partie to a funerall Equipage. Nothing was more to bee admired then the moderation of the Court of Vienna, which expressed no joy in triumph, or exultation. They contented themselves with the discharging of a few Ordnance, to make the filly people believe they had the better of the day. Some judg'd this modest behaviour to proceed from sensible losses, suffered in the Battaile, from the confideration of the Swedish Forces, and the difficulty to set on foot againe an Army of that vastnesse. Others deemed it to proceed from the dispersed rumour of the Emperours death, which they thought countervail'd that of the King, and cast the Imperial Court into an irrecoverable dejection

The failing of the Saxon to appeare in the Field on the day of Battaile, (when his aide concerned his owne honour and the Kings good) was attributed to the like fad accident, a rumour being divulged, not onely of the Dukes death, but the manner of it, to wit, suddaine Apoplexie: But these false bruits, both of the one and the other, were contradicted

dicted by affured newes that both the Princes

were living.

That the Saxon was not dead, hee gave good proofs, resolving to take occasion by the lock to revenge the ruine of his Cities, and depopulation of his Countrey, and to hinder the Imperialists from sending into his Dominions any more Incendiaries.

The continuance of the Emperours life was favourable to his party, the very name and splendour of Majesty being of vertue to animate, and retaine diverse spirits in devotion, and obedience to the Austrian Line, which else perhaps might have followed the Char-

riot of the victorious Triumpher.

But whil'st the foolish people spread abroad, or by defigne, or credulity, the death of these two Princes, there came too assured newes from Nayence of the King of Bohemia's death. When this vnfortunate Prince was ready to take a new possession of his Countrey, and the conditions drawne up betweene him, the King of Sweden, and the Governour of Frankendale, hee was surprised in Navence with a contagious disease, prefently after his returne from Deux-ponts. where hee had vifited a Prince of his alliance. The care and fufficiency of the Phifitian was fo great, that he quickly expelled the pestilent quality, and fet him in all appearance free from danger, danger; but the great calamities through which hee had passed, had much estranged his Constitution from its first puritie, and quite altred his colour, and complexion. When he thought to quit his tedious bed, and take possession of Frankendale, it unfortunately happened that the King of Swedens death came to his eare, which wrought so on his mind, and body, that his disease was aggravated, and his death ensued on the 29. of November. His death was much deplored by those of his bloud, by his servants and subjects, yet did their griefe receive an allay by his devotion, and his last words full of faith and pietie.

The life of this Prince was a meere Medley, and like a Picture with many faces. His entry into the Electorate was glorious, his beginning happy, his Vertues eminent, and courted hee was by the whole Empire. His Alliance, and friends within and without Germany, the confideration of his House, of his Dominions, and the great Bodie that depended on his direction, were the cause of his election to the Crowne of Bohemia, which was fatall to him, and all Germanie, which felt the fad accidents that attended this Comet, and was foorthwith invaded by an univerfall Warre in her heart, and all her quarters, which hath never fince for fooke her, having engaged all the Imperiall States and Provinces, every one wherewhereof to this day carries her markes. And though this Prince hath fought all meanes of reconciliation, hoping that way to quench this Wild-fire; yet hath hee from time to time found fuch fatall oppositions, and such an ingrafted malice in the incensed partie, that all the motiues, propositions, and intercessions of great Kings have hetherto beene unprofitable; and this good Prince hath beene constrained to line an exile from his Countrey. At length when a most pleasing prospect laid at once open to his view the frontiers of his Countrey, and the end of his afflictions, a suddaine death deprived him of his sight, and the fruition of so delightfull an object.

The calamitie of this Prince hath given occasion to many licentious tongues, and pens to declaime against him, and unjustly to judge of his canse by the sad event. Those that were of his more inward acquaintance, avow that hee was unfortunate beyond defect, and that the most magnanimous, and Heroicke soule could beare afflictions with no greater moderation and patience, then he did. If many of his vertues have beene clouded and obscured by his infelicity, yet are there more which his darker fortune could not hinder from shining forth, and striking envie blind. His great Family, his Extraction, his Allies and Consederates, and his Princely vertues,

me thinkes should have contained within the bounds of Honour, and truth, certaine Mercenary, Satyricke Spirits, who have common places of prayfes, and Invectives, which they draw forth to exalt, or depresse whom they please, and mainetaine their loofer vaine at the cost of Princes, and play upon their persons. qualities, and effaces, whom the greatnesse of their births should priviledge from such contumelies. Wee owe honour, and respect to Princes of what party foever; whether they bec Friends, Enemies, or Neuters: And I thought this short Apologie due to my so much deplored Subject, whom his miseries rendered to some contemptible, though by others he was truely honoured in the midit of his differences, and afflictions. The King of Sweden gaue many braue testimonies of him, being forced oftentimes to give him a stop in the carreere of honour, lest courage should engage him too farre, exhorting him to preferue his life, the good of his Countrey, and the publike cause.

All the comfort of his Subjects is contained in that generous unparalell'd Princesse, and in her faire line, and numerous issue which promiseth them one day an entire liberty, and the reestablishment, and subsistence of a house so many wayes considerable, as being one of

the first, and most ancient of Europe.

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The Reader, I doubt not, will pardon this digression of the Souldier, who held himselfe obliged to speake for a Prince, who had beene a long time the common But of all afflictions, and insultations. That which hath made him the more bold, and earnest in his defence, is the neare alliance of this Prince to mighty Monarchs. I shut upall concerning this point in this Assertion, that all Princes have a common interest in the honour of their equals, and should all joyne to place their Crownes, and purple aboue the reach of Envic.

The death of these two Kings was sufficient to make the Germans approue of the calculation, and prognosticks of their great Astrologer Herheius, who had noted this Moneth of November, as satall to great Princes and Commanders, and foretold by the Aspects, and siery const llations, the tragical encounters of these two great Armies, and the death of such eminent persons, as may well compose the greatest part of the History of our time.

The Swedes were even wedded to forrow for the death of their King, vowing they would more willingly haue suffered the losse of many battailes then that of him, if it had lyen in their power to dispose of the Arrests of Heaven, and the fatall lawes of the eternall Providence, which with a Diamantine poynt markes all things, and gives them a Cha-

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racter, which never can bee changed, or defaced.

Indeed all the dayes of this Moneth of November, were at Strife for Superioritie in evill, but the fixteenth overcame, to which all stories thall give a brand, in that it gave fo ftrange an alteration to the face of Christendome. The battaile fought on that day is enobled by many memorable accidents, which exalts it aboue those of former Ages. others are remarkeable the small number of the victors, and the multitude of the vanguist, the violent and furious charges, the durance of the fight, the doubtfull event of the combat, when victory (as if the had beene the daughter of lanus) had two faces, and looked two waies: the piles of the dead, the losse of eminent Commanders, and the different effect which one and the fame cause wrought in both parties; the Kingsdeath kindling indignation and defire of revenge in the bosome of the Swede, and the death of Pappenheim, and other great Commanders, begetting an aftonishment in the hearts, and lookes of the Imperialifes. And wee may well affirme, that amongs all the Accidents of that saddest of daies, this particular hath bin most remarkable; that the Swedes having loft their King in the first shocke, this unparaleld mischance, ferved rather to confirme, then shake their

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courage, and was one of the most apparant

causes of the victory.

This also raised as high as Heaven the Kings renowne, that in his fall hee crusht in pieces so vast a body, and the hearts of his men were so inflamed with this his disaster, that after his death they made the palme and the Lawrell to spring out of his blood. Nor was the life of this Prince lesse samous then his death.

His youth was exercised in great affaires, which bardened his body to endure travell, and armed his mind against all finister accidents, and infus'd into him a courage which might eafily bee provoked, never subdued. The entrie of his Raigne (which was the Eleventh of this age, and the Seventeenth of his) was thorny, and fallebrous. At one, and the same time hee was confronted by the Danes. the Polonians, and the Muscovites, who on all sides assaulted him: And though their motives to warre were diverse, yet all their intentions, like fo many lines met in this Center, to ruine the Swede. Sometimes hee shewed himselfe on the Frontiers of Denmarke, sometimes on those of Museovia, fomtimes againe on those of Livonia, and all with that promptnesse and celerity, that his Enemies believed his body to beeubiquitary. And his troubles were increased by corruption

But his valour, his dexterity, and the continuall travaile of his body and mind were such, that hee passed through these, and greater impediments without stop, or diminution of his Fame. His composition with the Danes, and Muscovites was honourable, and to his advantage. The quarrell between him and the Polonian was not about any small petty Territorie; but the Crowne and Scepter it selfe,

and therefore hardly to be decided.

The Prowesse and agility of this King were fuch, that the Polonians faw him in all parts. like another Hanniball, before their gates; and after many great losses received in Livonia, and Pruffia, they tooke counfell of the Pillow, and (to preferve the remainder of those Countries unviolated) concluded to come to a treatry, on which attended a Truce, which from their foules they wish'd had beene a Peace, whereby their repose might bee eternized. Our youthfull Mars had not a foule fo narrow, as to bee contented to weare onely the Lawrell of the North. More wreathes were prepared for him, and a Theater more spacious, and glorious. Pofterity will hardly beleeve that what this Prince hath done was by a man fefible. That the conquest of so many vast Provinces, and the ruine of so many Armies was the worke onely of two yeares, and

a few moneths. That a puissant Empire, formidable in her greatnesse, in her supports, in her extension, in her Armies, in her conquests, and successe, fortifyed with so many Garrisons, who hath for her bounds the Ocean, and the Alps, should in so short a time be forced to put on the yoak. A man would think infinite Forces were required to manage well an Enterprise of this nature, and greatnesse.

The personall qualities of this Prince were admirable. His externall bravery confisted in a sweet yet majesticall aspect, in a comely stature, in a piercing eye, in a commanding voyce, in an agility, and univerfall application to all fuch as might hinder or further him. But the great guests that lodg'd within were farre more illustrious, a quicke spirit, a sollid judgement, an incomparable wisedome, an inexprimable courage, an indefatigable nature, and an admirable conduct, which were the happy instruments of all his victories, and the embellishment of this rare piece. I may justly adde his Encampments. his Discipline, his foresight, his direction, and unequall'd Industrie. Nor was his readinesse leffe in the disposition of his affaires, in the government of his men, and his complying with their feverall humours, which made him as well Lord of hearts, as Provinces and Cities. But above all the rest, his devotion was conspi-

conspicuous, and his frequent pious exercifes, which received no interruption by his most serious imployments. And (which draweth neere to a miracle) hee himselfe projected and executed all things. It fuffiled not him to bee onely a Generall, but hee would also beea Captaine, and Engenier, a Serjeant, a Cannonier, a common Souldier, or of any Militarie calling. The most dangerous occurrences dazled not his judgement, but then was he most venturous when his valour was most required. Hee never formed a military project, in the execution whereof hee would not himselfe make one. And (which bred in all an amazement) hee was never weary, though ever busied, as if action had been his nourishment. I will close up the Pannegyricke of this Worthy with this affirmation, that in him all imaginable brave parts conspired to make him the greatest, and most able Captaine of Christendome.

There was nothing in him the least way blameable but his choller, to which the least provocation gave fire: an humour familiar to fiery spirits chased with continual businesse, which often falls out crosse. But hee had a corrective ever ready, which was an overflowing courtesy, and sweetnesse to him naturall, which stopp'd and repair'd the breach his Anger had made. For any hasty speech

he would give fatisfaction, not onely to men of eminency, who might justly be offended, but to those also of the meanest condition, borne to suffer. In acknowledgement of his nature so apt to take fire at the least distast, he would often fay; That hee was willing oftentimes to beare with others infirmities, as the flegme of some, and the wine of others, and that therefore reciprocally his choller deserved some support. And, to fay truth; this paffion may challenge, and winne connivence from him who shall duely confider his working spirit, never weakned, though ever bended; as also his extraordinary vertues, and his gentleneffe, which, upon occafion, made him familiar with the meanest of his fouldiers, fo farre was hee from being pufft up with prosperity, or rayling his mind with his fortune.

Some note another overlight in this Prince, that he did not better distinguish betweene the ducties of a Carabin, and a Generall, but exposed himselfe to all dangers, and was too prodigall of a bloud so precious. To confesse the truth, it is not so much to bee wondred at, that he lost his life in this samous Battail, as that he parted not with it long before in so many Encounters, where his life ranne the same hazard with the basest of his souldiers. And in his defence this may worthily bee annexed, that the valour of his men depended

on his example, and all his victories had for their originall his presence, and sorwardnesse in all Battailes, which like a heavenly aspect sent downe influences, and irradiations into the spirits of his souldiers, and terrour and amazement into those of his Enemies.

The Souldier hath attempted to drawthis Prince to the life, and affures himfelf, that they who have had the honour to fee, and ferve him in his wars, wil confesse that the portraict hath some aire of his face, if not drawne to the life. And hee believes withall, that they who have felt the puissance of his Armes will be the first to extoll and magnify his worth, that thereby they may lessen their owne losses, justify their disgraces, and shew to the world that so powerfull an Organ was required to operate on them with such successes.

Amongst other circumstances, this is the most agreeable, and worthy of observation, that this Prince hath left his affaires in an estate so prosperous, and advantagious. The Swedian party is possessed of two thirds of Germany, of the best Cities, of most of the Rivers from the Vistule to the Danube, and Rheine. It hath also ten Armies dispersed through the higher and lower Saxonies, Silesia, Moravia, Bavaria, Franconia, Suabe, Alfatia, and the Circle of the Rhein. This party is also back'd, and countenanc'd within by

the principall Forces of the Empire, and without by great Kings and States, who thinke themselves interested in the support of it, and preferre sure friends before doubtfull and wavering, who will eternally remember the least losse, or affront received, and, opportunity serving, bee ready to revenge it. To this may be adjoyned the experience of the times past, which demonstrates unto us how well in the Mantuan warre they required the benefits received from that house at a dead list, which serves for an infallible argument of

their dealings.

It now remaines that the Princes, and States united continue to make good the advantages bequeath'd them, by banishing all jealousies, suppressing of factions, extirpating of Schismes, and partiallities, deciding of all disputes arising from their Genealogies, by conferring offices on men, not of great difcent, but ability, by making use of thetimes present and past, by quickly seconding their consultation with action, and by a straight conjunction of their Councells, and Forces to feeke their owne prefervation in that of the Empire. In any of which being wanting, neither the care and paines of the deceased King, nor their owne Armies, or advantages can secure them from being a miserable prev to their Enemies, and wretched spectacle to their friends. The

The truth is, hitherto the Princes and Generalls united have much abated the pride of the Enemy, by deceiving his hopes, and ap. prehenfions, and making it evident by their proceedings that they were not in vain fo long. train'd up in the Kings schoole, but were still mindfull of his inftructions and discipline, and that his death did but concenterre, and redouble their vigour. The Dukes of Weymar tread on Walfteins heeles, whom some report to bee wounded, others dead in the Forrest which lyes betweene Fravestein and Klostergrappe. If he be deceased, he serves as another Pacrifice due to the Kings tombe. Tubal keeps the greatest part of Silesia, and Moravia in o-The Prince of Birkenfield fhurs bedience. up all passages to the Bavarians, within the circle of Ingolflat and Ratisbone. Horne is Master of Alsatia, and hath joyned to it the Conquest of Schleistatt. Colman and Kentzingen have Senfeld, nothing remaining in thoseparts unconquer'd, but Frebourg which they batter, and Briffack which they play with. Baudisin marcheth through the Archbishopricke of Cullen without refistance, and traverseth his Galleries (maugte the Count of Gransfield) from the river of Wesper even to the gates of Cullen. The Troopes of Wirtenberg advance towards the Lake of Constance, and are resolved to make good proofe

of their courage. To be briefe, the Swedes fhew that they have no great desire to repasse the Sea, no more then have the Germans to

refall into their wonted flavery.

But though the King of sweden hath left his partie in an Estate prosperous, yet wee must needs confesse, that the enemie derives from his death great Advantages, and that the expense of a little Lead hath prosted him as much as the gaining of many millions, in that the severall Heads of the Swedish Armies are subject and prone to jealousies and misconceptions, which gives him meanes and opportunitie to preserve what hee yet holds, to calme seditions, to recall long-banisht peace, and once more to replant her in the Empire.

If hee make good use of his losses and imfortunities, wee shall see him foorthwith to abandon all counsells tending to blood, or violence, to have a care, lest by the oppression of Princes he make them desperate, to recall his strayed Subjects by a generall Pardon of all their offences, and seeke to raigne by Loue, not Feare. Hee will then no more violate Peace, and the publique Faith, under the pretext of Conscience, which ought to be perswaded, not forced, as depending on another Tribunall then that of men. This way to rest and quiet, he is invited also to take and persist in, because he may now peaceably enjoy all his due rights

and Titles, the death of the King having cur'd him of the deadly Feare hee was in, lest this magnanimous Prince should yet fore higher, and aspire to new Diadems, and make good his Anagram, by changing the name of Gustavus into Augustus.

FINIS.